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FROM THE AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS TAGS: PFOR, LE, US

SUBJECT: REPLY TO MARONITE MESSAGE

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- 1. DCM LANE CONTACTED DORY CHAMOUN FEB 15 AND DELIVERED TO HIM ORALLY MESSAGE PARA 4 REFTEL. CHAMOUN REPLIED THAT IN LIGHT OF THIS MESSAGE HE WOULD TELEPHONE THE AMBASSADOR "IN TWO OR THREE DAYS," AS SOON AS THE MEMO PRESENTING MARONITE POSITION WAS READY, TO MAKE AN APPOINTMENT TO PRESENT IT TO HIM, RATHER THAN THE SECRETARY.
- 2. IN AMBASSADOR'S INITIAL MEETING WITH FOREIGN MINISTER BOUTROS FEB 14, BOUTROS REFERRED TO NEWSPAPER REPORTS THAT CHRISTIAN LEADERS INTEND TO PRESENT A MEMO TO SECRETARY VANCE DURING HIS VISIT AND SAID HE WOULD PREFER THAT SECRETARY NOT RECEIVE SUCH A MESSAGE PERSONALLY. BOUTROS SAID THAT IF SECRETARY RECEIVED KFUR FRONT REPRESENTATIVES CONFIDENTIAL

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AND NOT OTHERS, IT WOULD BE INTERPRETED AS SIGN OF SPECIAL TREATMENT. BOUTROS MENTIONED THAT FRENCH FOREIGN MINISTER GUIRINGAUD, WHOSE VISIT TO BEIRUT WOULD LAST A DAY AND A HALF, HAD DECIDED NOT REPEAT NOT TO RECEIVE ANY LEBANESE POLITICAL LEADERS OUTSIDE THE GOVERNMENT SINCE IT WOULD BE OBVIOUSLY IMPOSSIBLE FOR HIM TO SEE ALL WHO WOULD SEEK APPOINTMENTS. BOUTROS RECALLED THAT

DEAN BROWN HAD SEEN APPROXIMATELY 40 PERSONALITIES DURING
HIS MISSIONS TO LEBANON, BUT THERE HAD NEVERTHELESS BEEN
COMPLAINTS FROM SOME SELF-STYLED LEADERS THAT THEY HAD
NOT BEEN CONSULTED.

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